



Public Notice

Applicant:

Pittsford Central School
District

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**U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers**

In Reply Refer To:

Buffalo District **CELRB-CO-R RE: 2000-01098(1) Section: NY 404**

**Application for Permit under Authority of
Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).**

The Pittsford Central School District, 42 West Jefferson Road, Pittsford, New York 14534, has applied for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged and fill material into wetland areas and a drainage tributary, in connection with the proposed development of a site as a new school. The work site is located on Calkins Road in the Town of Pittsford, Monroe County, New York.

The applicant proposes to culvert and fill approximately 1150 lineal feet of an existing drainage tributary on the site. Starting at the southern boundary of the property, the applicant shall excavate a new drainage channel and install 48" diameter piping into the channel, in order to convey the water in the drainage tributary. The proposed piping will run to the eastern boundary of the work site, at which point it empties into an existing underground culvert. The purpose of the work is to allow for drainage to be conveyed underground at the new school site. The existing drainageway has been extensively ditched and modified during the years that this parcel was in agricultural production. The tributary does not contain high quality habitat areas, but acts primarily as a drainage ditch.

The applicant also proposes to install a culverted roadway across a tributary and wetland at the northwest part of the site. This crossing shall provide access to the new school site. Approximately 0.07 acre of tributary and wetland shall be filled for this roadway crossing.

The applicant plans to install a new aqueduct system over a tributary of an existing wetland at the southeast portion of the site as part of the on-site stormwater management system, and an arch type culvert within the tributary, and fill over this pipe. Riprap protection will be placed at the wingwalls of the culvert. A 5-foot wide aqueduct channel will then be constructed over the culvert pipe, so that storm water may be conveyed across the tributary to a constructed retention area located adjacent to the existing wetland area. The amount of tributary and wetland to be filled for the culverted crossing and drainage swale construction will be approximately 0.16 acre. The proposed three-sided arch culvert is to minimize impacts to the stream channel.

A total of approximately 0.238 acre of wetland shall be impacted by the proposed wetlands work on site. As mitigation for these unavoidable impacts to waters of the United States, the applicant proposes to design and vegetate the retention area such that it results in the establishment of approximately 0.644 acre of emergent marsh wetland. The mitigation wetland areas will act to accept and filter stormwater as well as increase wetland habitat on the site. The proposed wetland/detention area is currently upland adjacent to the on-site wetland area.

The purpose of the proposed work is to develop the existing site into a new high school and supporting facilities.

By this Notice, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the National Park Service are hereby put on notice that this project site is located adjacent to the Hopkins Farm Complex, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Location and details of the above described work are shown on the attached maps and drawings.

Questions pertaining to the work described in this notice should be directed to Mel R. Schroeder, who can be contacted by calling (716) 879-4307, or by e-mail at: mel.r.schroeder@usace.army.mil

The following authorization(s) may be required for this project:

Water Quality Certification (or waiver thereof) from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

In addition, available evidence indicates that the proposed work will not affect a species proposed or designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as threatened or endangered, nor will it affect the critical habitat of any such species.

This notice is promulgated in accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 320-330. Any interested party desiring to comment on the work described herein may do so by submitting their comments, in writing, so that they are received no later than 4:30 pm on the expiration date of this notice.

Comments should be sent to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207-3199, and should be marked to the attention of Mel R. Schroeder, or by e-mail at: mel.r.schroeder@usace.army.mil. A lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the work as proposed.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be fully considered during the public interest review for this permit application. All written comments will be made a part of the administrative record. Due to resource limitations, this office will normally not acknowledge the receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comment.

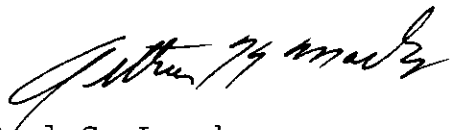
Any individual may request a public hearing by submitting their written request, stating the specific reasons for holding a hearing, in the same manner and time period as other comments.

Public hearings for the purposes of the Corps permit program will be held when the District Commander determines he can obtain additional information, not available in written comments, that will aid him in the decision making process for this application. A Corps hearing is not a source of information for the general public, nor a forum for the resolution of issues or conflicting points of view (witnesses are not sworn and cross examination is prohibited). Hearings will not be

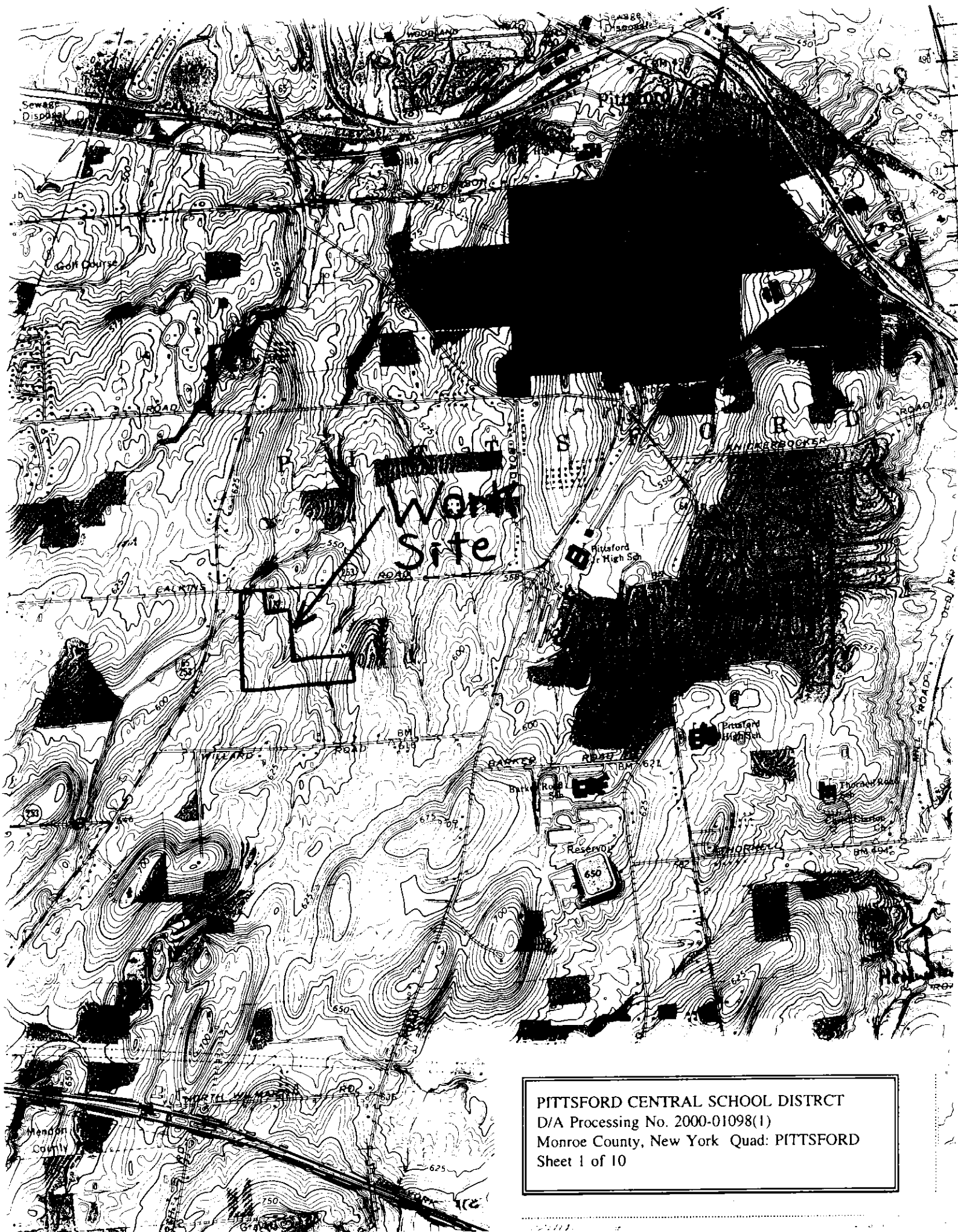
held to obtain information on issues unrelated to the work requiring a permit, such as property ownership, neighbor disputes, or the behavior or actions of the public or applicant on upland property not regulated by the Department of the Army. Information obtained from a public hearing is given no greater weight than that obtained from written comments. Therefore, you should not fail to make timely written comments because a hearing might be held.

The decision to approve or deny this permit request will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

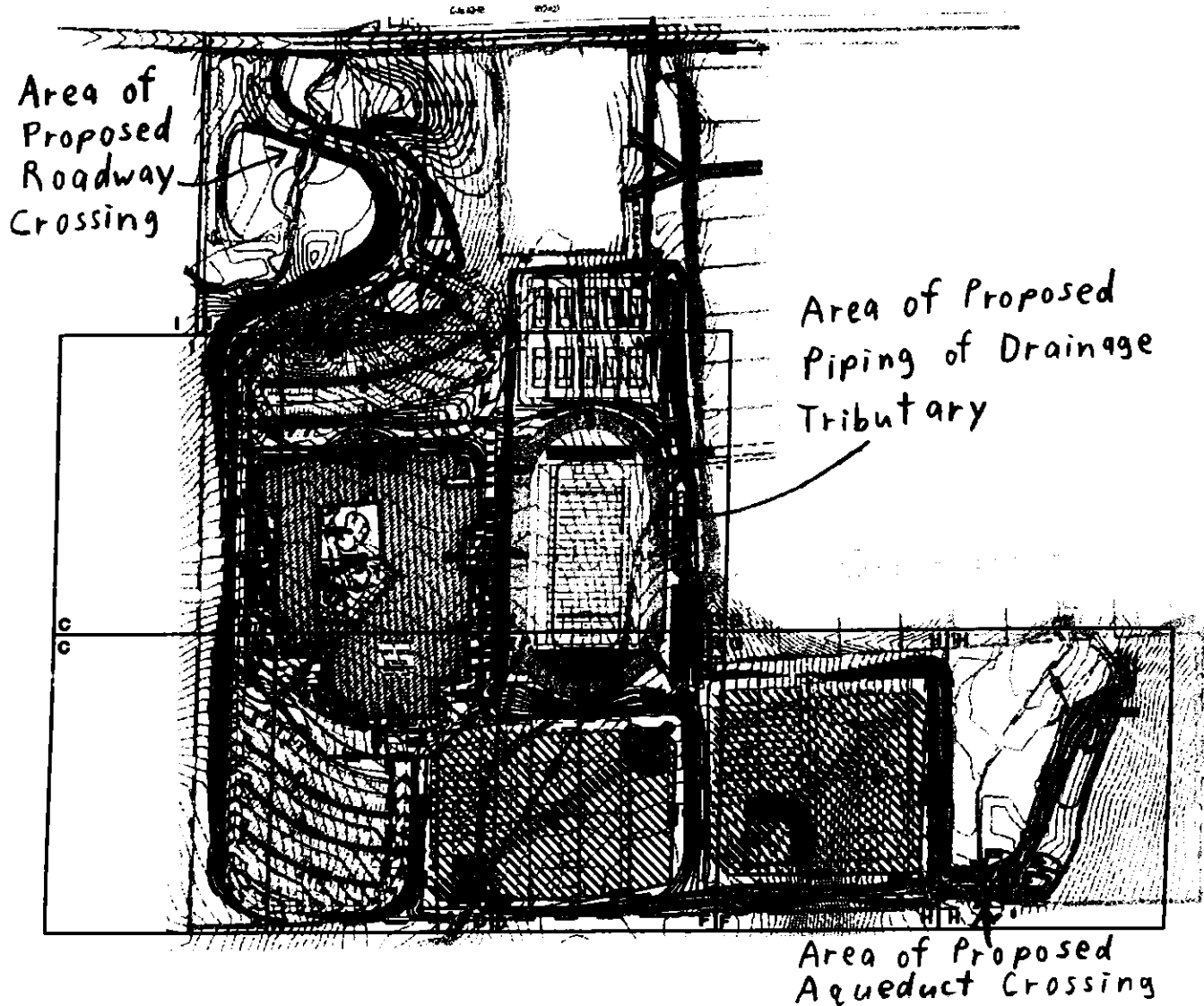
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

for 
Paul G. Leuchner
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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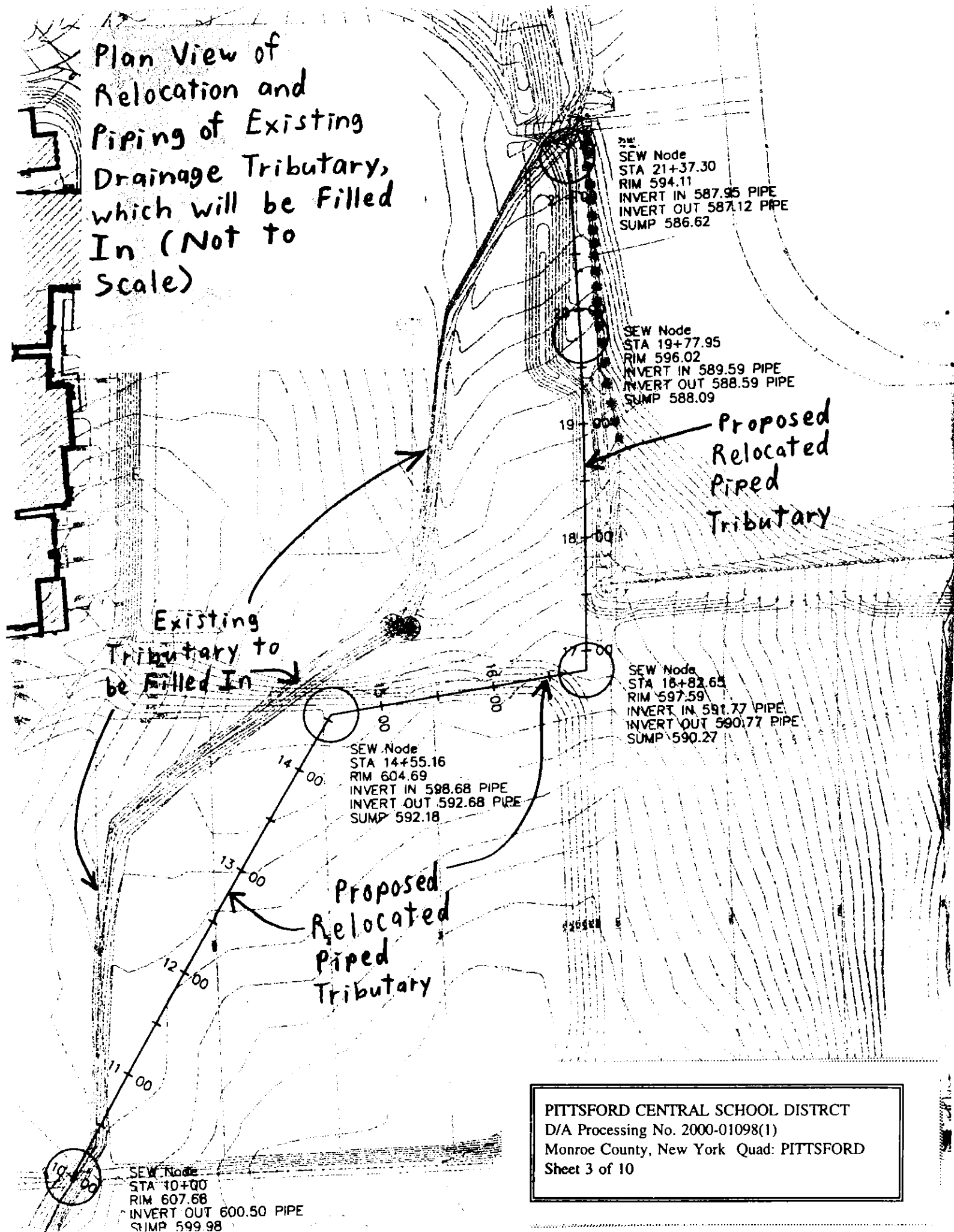


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Over-all Plan View
of WORTH Site
(Not to Scale)

Plan View of
Relocation and
Piping of Existing
Drainage Tributary,
which will be Filled
In (Not to
Scale)



Wetland is Located
at Southeast
Part of Property

N 86°44'49" E

987.29'

A28-W11

WETLAND AREA
84,214 sq. ft.

A23-W10

A22

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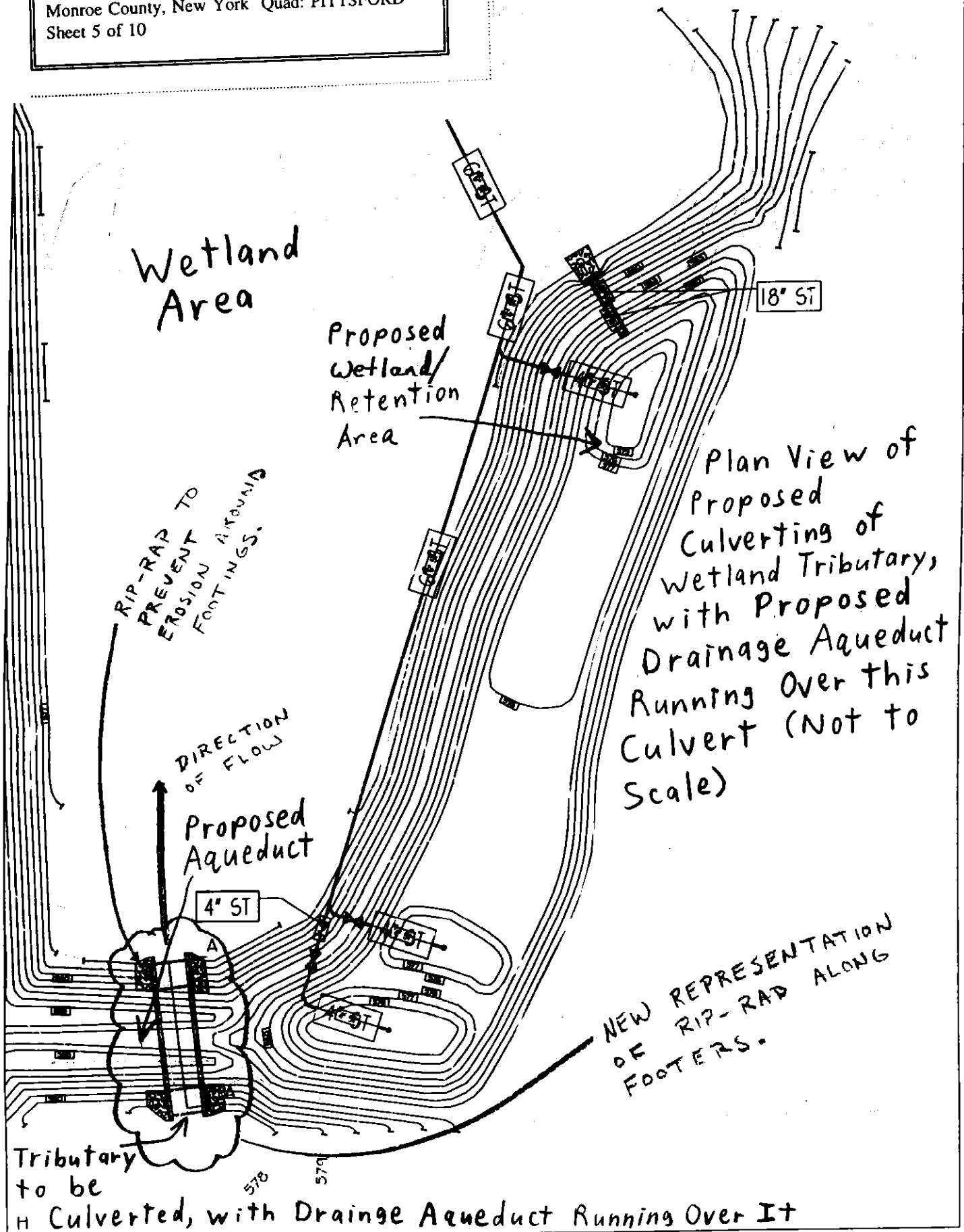
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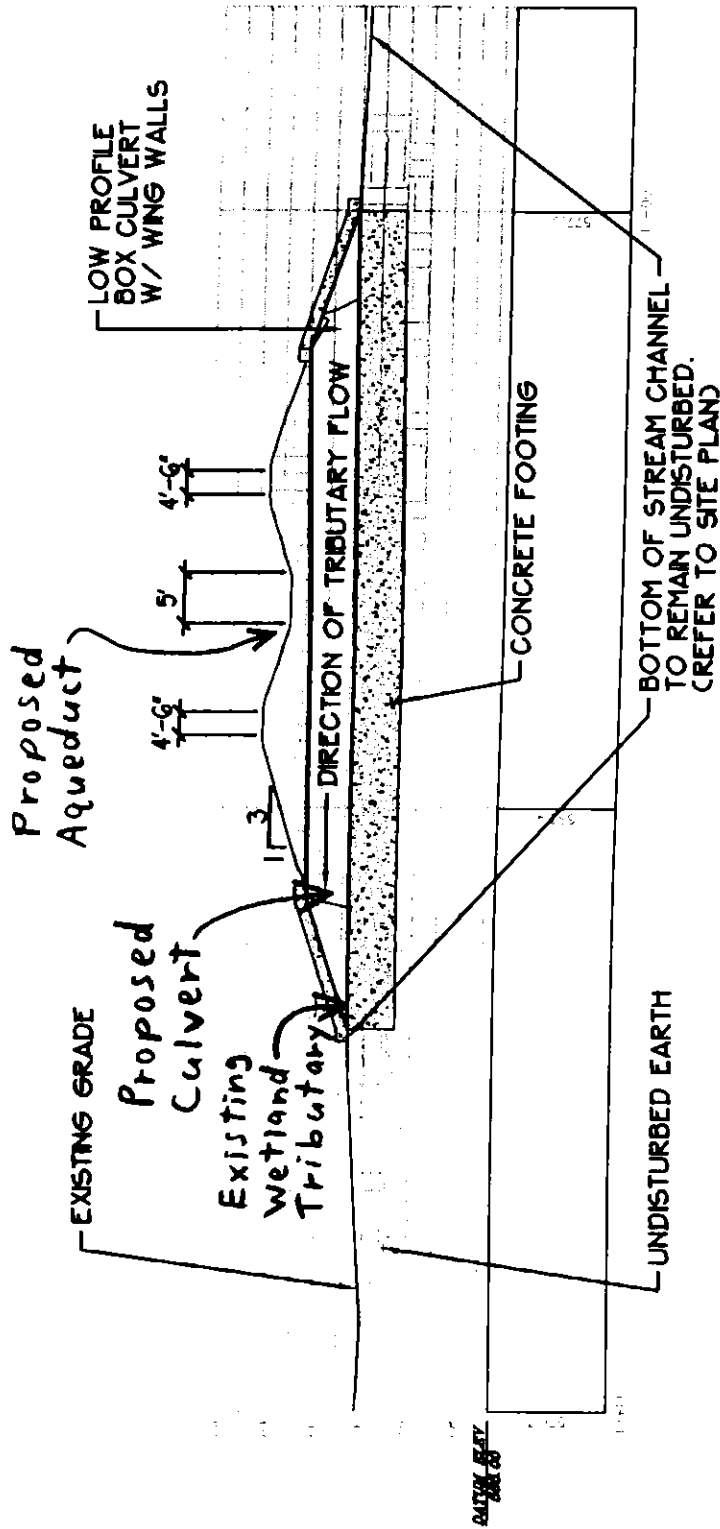
Proposed
Aqueduct
Area

Plan View of Existing
Wetland Area where
Proposed Aqueduct
Crossing is to be
Installed (Not
to Scale)

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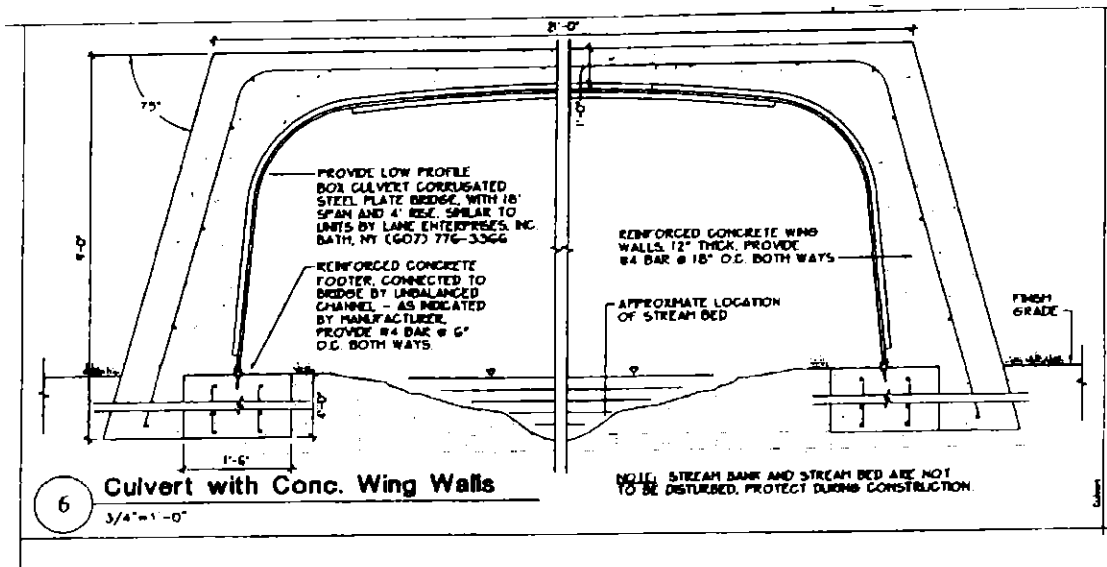
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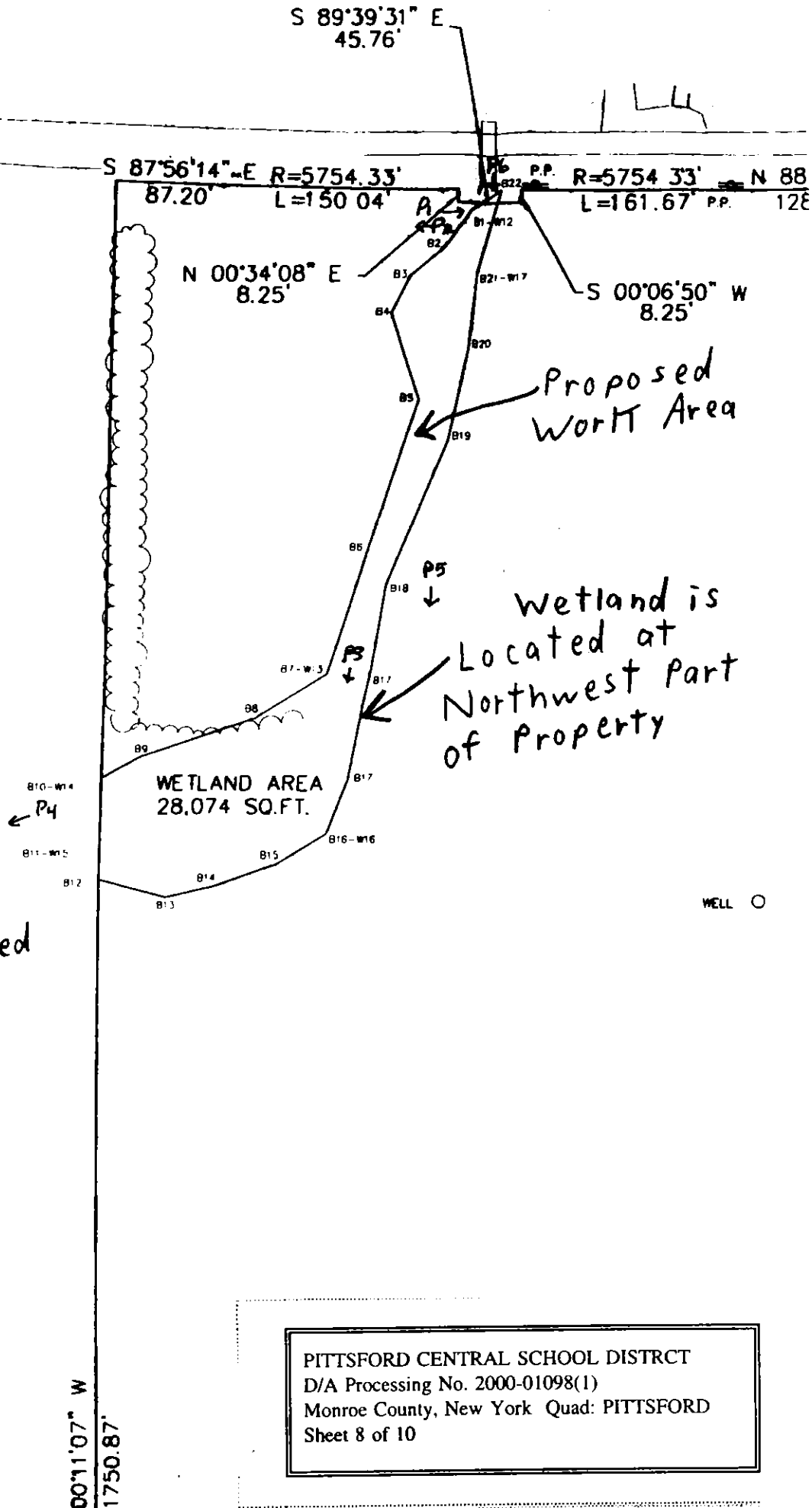


Cross-Section View of
Proposed Aqueduct of
Southeast Wetland Tributary,
with Proposed Drainage
Aqueduct Running Over
this Culvert (Not to
Scale)

Cross Section (Typ.) Arch Culvert

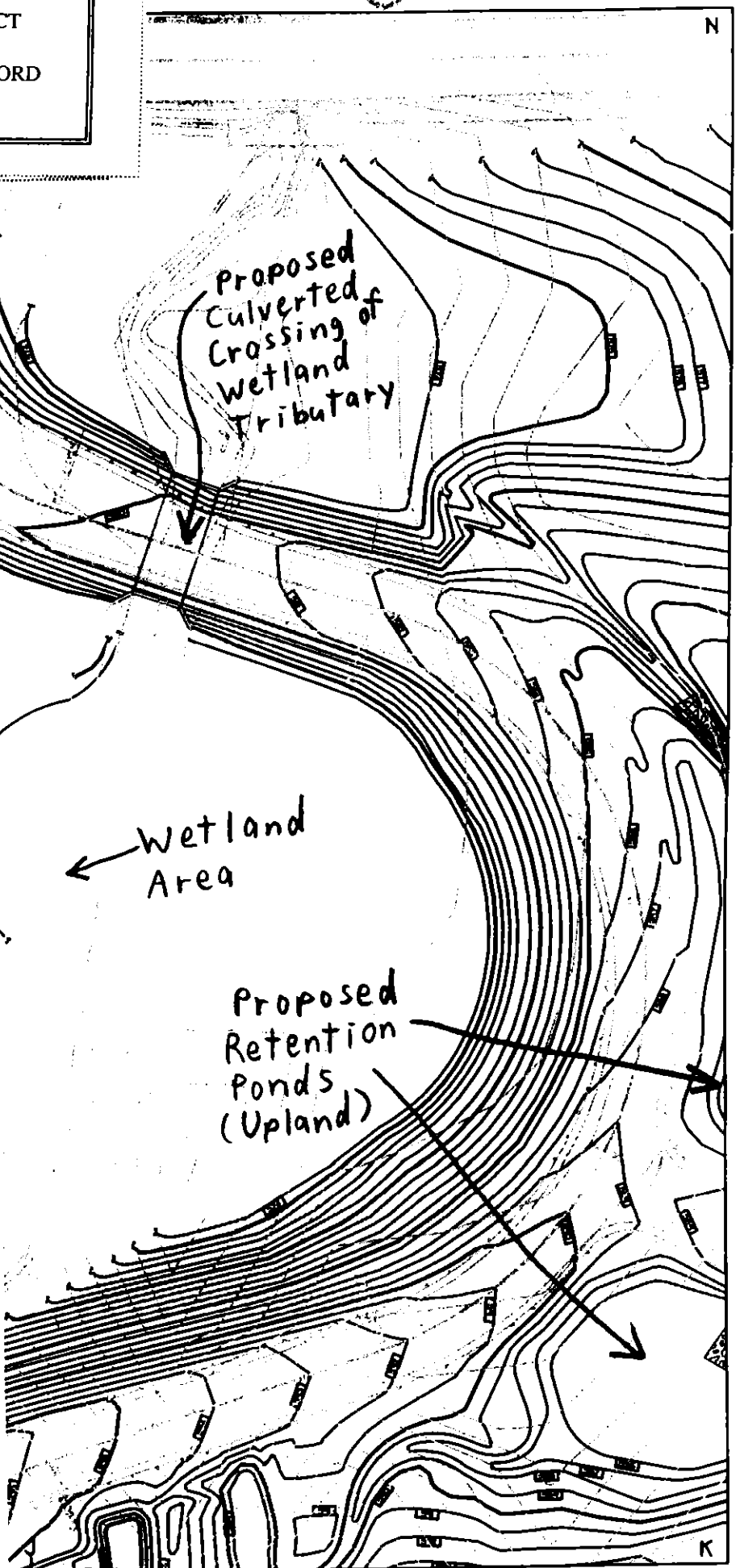


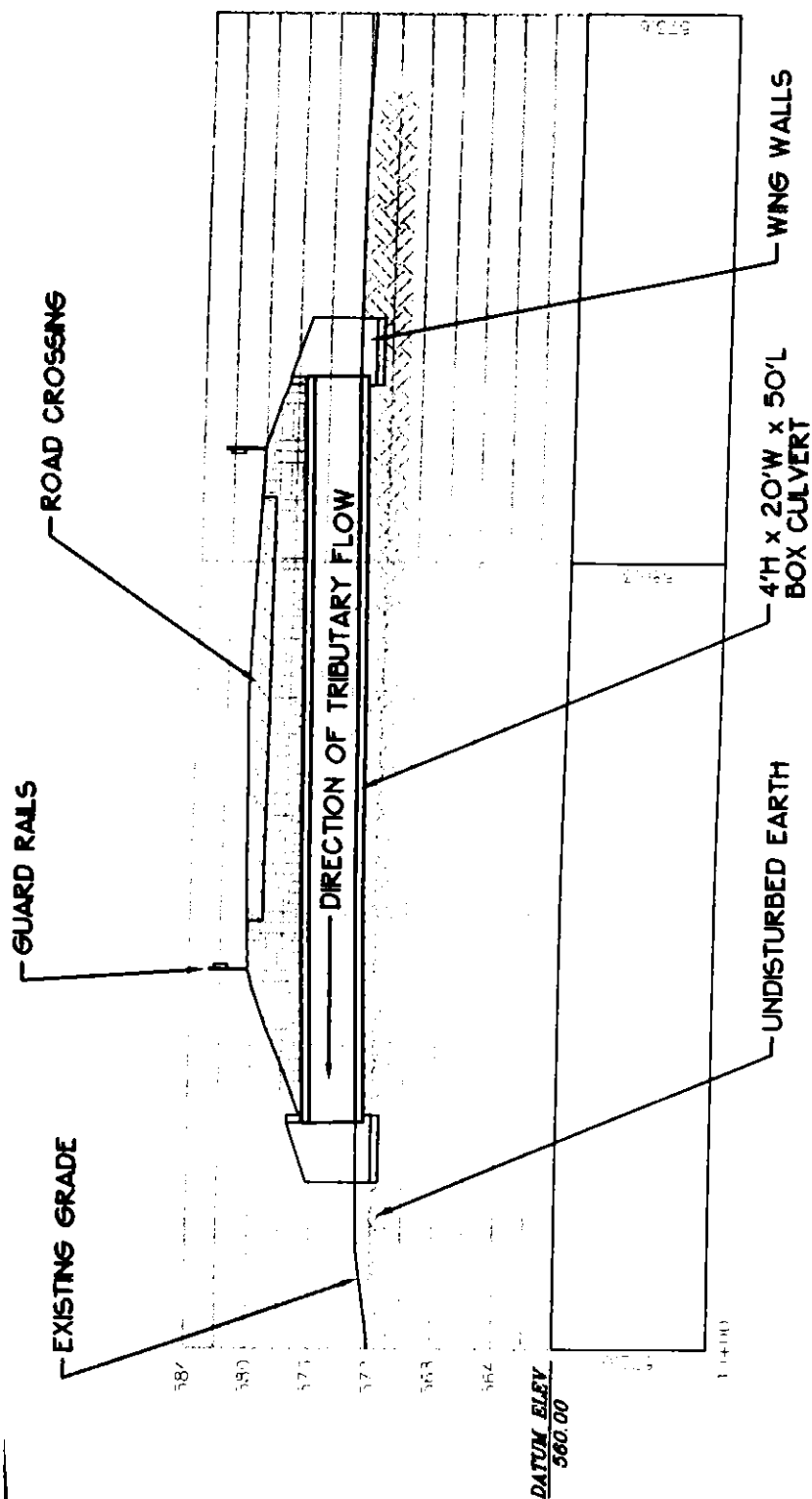
Plan View of
Existing Wetland
Area where Proposed
Culverted Roadway
Crossing is to be
Installed (Not to
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Plan View of
Proposed Culverted
Roadway Crossing
Installation at
Wetland Tributary
at Northwest Part
of Property (Not
to Scale)





Cross-Section View of
Proposed Culverted Roadway
Crossing Installation at
Wetland Tributary at
Northwest Part of
Property (Not to
Scale)

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